

Development of National Highways in Maharashtra

3207. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (b) the names of cities and towns in Maharashtra connected with National Highways;
- (c) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Central Government to provide link roads and also to develop the existing roads;
- (d) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) National Highways in Maharashtra connect the following important cities/towns:—

Dhule, Nasik, Malegaon, Igatpuri, Thane, Lonawala, Pune, Satara, Ratnagiri, Kolhapur, Palaspe, JNPT, Navapur, Lalgaoan, Bhusawal, Edlabad, Akola, Amravati, Nagpur, Bhandara, Sarkoli, Deori, Mansar, Jam, Hinganaghat, Karanji, Pandharkawada, Dahisar. Manor, Talesari, Pune, Solapur, Sironcha, Panvel, Mahad, Sangamner, Osmanabad Beed and Aurangabad.

(ooooooooooooo) Yes, Sir.

(vvvvvvvvvvvvvvv) and (d) The Government of Maharashtra had forwarded a number of proposals during the 9th Plan for extension of the National Highway network and to provide additional links to important cities in Maharashtra and the neighbouring States, out of which the following have been declared as National Highways;

- (i) Ratnagiri Kolhapur road
- (ii) Sholapur-Osmanabad-Beed-Auragabad-Dhule-Vadodara road
- (iii) Nagpur-Saoner-Baitul-Bhopal road

In addition to above, National Highway No. 6 has been extended from Dhule to Surat.

To develop existing National Highways works amounting to nearly Rs. 256.00 crores have been sanctioned under Original Works and Improvement of Riding Quality Programme during the last three years. It has also been decided to four lane National Highway No. 4, 7 and 8 in Maharashtra under National Highway Development Programme.

National Highways in Gujarat

3208. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various National Highways declared by GOI are of 11068 KM length and the share of Gujarat is only 239 Kms;

(b) whether the length of National Highway in Gujarat is much lesser than it should be;

(c) if so, what should be the length of NH in 2002 in Gujarat and what it is as on date; and

(d) whether Government has scrutinised the proposal of Government of Gujarat submitted on 26th October, 1999 by the Chief Minister for upgrading various highways into National Highways giving priority to Coastal Highway of 765 Kms.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present the total length of National Highways in the country is 52010 Kms. out of which, Gujarat's share is 2241 Kms. National Highways are intended to serve the national interests as distinct from local interests and roads are declared as National Highways keeping in view the country as a whole, not on any regional or State basis. No targets had been fixed for expansion of National Highways in the country including the State of Gujarat.